Coverage of RNTCP

1117. SHRI R.R GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the coverage of Revised National tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP);

(b) the number of laboratories set up for smear.microscopy;

(c) the number of patients treated everyday and how many of them have responded to treatment; and

(d) whether Government have any plan to extend coverage of RNTCP?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATISUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The present coverage under RNTCP is about 570 miUion population.

(b) For quality diagnosis of TB cases, more than 5,700 microscopy centres have been established In the country.

(c) In the year 2002, under RNTCP, 6,22,873 patients were put on treatment *i.e.* about 1707 patients per day. The Project Districts have reported a cure rate of 84% which means that 8 out of every 10 patients diagnosed and put on treatment under the revised strategy are successfully treated.

(d) It is envisaged to cover 850 million population under RNTCP by 2004 and the entire country by 2005.

Setting up of clinical laboratories for pathological tests

1118. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether home grown laboratories and foreign firms have set up many clinical laboratories for pathological tests for the last three years;

(b) if so, the total number of clinical laboratories and its number in rural areas as on date State-wise and category-wise;

(c) the total number of Government clinical laboratories and its number in rural areas as on date, State-wise and category-wise;

(d) whether there is any rule for starting a clinical laboratory;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether many of clinical laboratories are not accredited with National Accreditation Board for Calibration of Laboratories; and

(g) if so, the total number of laboratories accredited by NABL?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (e) Health being a State subject, such information is not available with this Ministry.

(f) and (g) National Accreditation Board for Testing & Calibration Laboratories (NABL) has intimated that the Accreditation for clinical laboratories is a recently started voluntary scheme and 25 multi-disciplinary clinical laboratories have been accredited.

Health facilities in Andhra Pradesh

1119. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of existing public sector health facilities in Andhra Pradesh alongwith the number of Primary Health Centres and Sub-Centres;

(b) the number of them located in tribal areas of the State;

(c) whether there is any proposal to raise the number of such Health Centres in the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) As per available information 10568 Sub-centres, 1386 Primary Health Centres, 219 Community Health Centres, 83 Post Partum Centres, 420 Rural Family Welfare Centres and 131 Urban Family Welfare Centres are functioning in the State of Andhra Pradesh in addition to the hospitals etc. set up by State Government.

(b) 824 Sub-centres, 113 Primary Health Centres and 9 Community Health Centres are functioning in tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) and (d) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been given